

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

**VAGINALLY ADMINISTRABLE PROGESTERONE-CONTAINING TABLETS AND
METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend allowed claim 51 as follows. See Mark-up pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

C1 51. (Amended) A vaginally administrable tablet comprising micronized progesterone, a non-effervescent excipient or diluent, and an effervescent. *NaHCO3 + Citric Acid* 424/466

Please cancel claims 1-50 without prejudice. Please add new claims 55-111 as follows:

C2 55. (New) A method for preparing a tablet for the vaginal administration of progesterone for systemic use, comprising the steps of:

(i) preparing a mixture consisting of water and micronized progesterone to obtain wetted micronized progesterone; and

drying said wetted micronized progesterone to obtain dry micronized progesterone;

(ii) mixing said dried micronized progesterone with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or diluent to form a second mixture; and